

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2025-4016

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 345 OF THE BARNESVILLE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, ORIGINALLY ENACTED TO REGULATE GOLF CARTS, TO NOW INCLUDE THE REGULATION AND OPERATION OF UNDER-SPEED VEHICLES, LOW-SPEED VEHICLES, UTILITY VEHICLES, AND MINI TRUCKS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**BE IT ORDERED BY COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BARNESVILLE, OHIO:**

**Barnesville Codified Village Ordinances, Chapter 345, which reads as follows:**

**GOLF CARTS**

**345.01 DEFINITION.**

A "golf cart" is a motor vehicle as the term is defined under Ohio R.C. 4501.01(B).  
(Ord. 3506. Passed 2-14-11.)

**345.02 EQUIPMENT.**

In addition to any rules or regulations promulgated by the Ohio Director of Public Safety, pursuant to Ohio R.C. Chapter 4511 and Ohio R.C. Chapter 4513, equipment of the golf cart shall include, but not necessarily be limited to requirements for the following items of equipment, all to be in working order during operation.

- (a) Two headlights having a minimum candlepower of sufficient intensity to reveal persons and objects at a distance at least 100 feet ahead under normal atmospheric conditions during hours of darkness.
- (b) Two red tail lights having a minimum candlepower of sufficient intensity to be plainly visible from a distance at least 500 feet to the rear under normal atmospheric conditions during hours of darkness.
- (c) Must have directional signals.
- (d) Must have left side rear view mirror and a rear view mirror.
- (e) Must have a white light illuminating the rear license plate.
- (f) Must have a horn.
- (g) Must have a windshield made of plexi-glass or safety glass.
- (h) Must have two license plates; one in the front and one in the rear; bracketed to the cart.
- (i) Must have one seat belt per occupant.
- (j) Must have a child safety seat for any occupant under the age of four (4) or under forty (40) pounds in weight.  
(Ord. 3506. Passed 2-14-11.)

**345.03 LICENSING REQUIREMENTS OF OPERATOR.**

- (a) No person who is less than sixteen years of age shall operate a golf cart.
- (b) The person must hold a valid current motor vehicle driver's license.  
(Ord. 3506. Passed 2-14-11.)

**SHALL BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:**

**UNDER-SPEED VEHICLES ("GOLF CARTS"), LOW-SPEED VEHICLES, UTILITY VEHICLES, AND MINI TRUCKS**

**345.01 DEFINITION.**

The following types of vehicles, which are subject to all provisions of this chapter when operated within the jurisdiction of the Village of Barnesville, are defined pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code as follows:

**Under-Speed Vehicle** – As defined in R.C. 4501.01(XX): "Under-speed vehicle" means a three- or four-wheeled vehicle, including a vehicle commonly known as a golf cart, with an attainable speed on a paved level surface of not more than twenty miles per hour and with a gross vehicle weight rating less than three thousand pounds.

**Low-Speed Vehicle** – As defined in R.C. 4501.01(WW): "Low-speed vehicle" means a three- or four-wheeled motor vehicle with an attainable speed in one mile on a paved level surface of more than twenty miles per hour but not more than twenty-five miles per hour and with a gross vehicle weight rating less than three thousand pounds.

**Utility Vehicle** – As defined in R.C. 4501.01(VV): "Utility vehicle" means a self-propelled vehicle designed with a bed, principally for the purpose of transporting material or cargo in connection with construction, agricultural, forestry, grounds maintenance, lawn and garden, materials handling, or similar activities.

**Mini-Truck** – As defined in R.C. 4501.01(BBB): "Mini-truck" means a vehicle that has four wheels, is propelled by an electric motor with a rated power of seven thousand five hundred watts or less or an internal combustion engine with a piston displacement capacity of six hundred sixty cubic centimeters or less, has a total dry weight of nine hundred to two thousand two hundred pounds, contains an enclosed cabin and a seat for the vehicle operator, resembles a pickup truck or van with a cargo area or bed located at the rear of the vehicle, and was not originally manufactured to meet federal motor vehicle safety standards.

**345.02 EQUIPMENT.**

In addition to any rules or regulations promulgated by the Ohio Director of Public Safety, pursuant to Ohio R.C. Chapters 4511 and 4513, the equipment of an Under-Speed Vehicle ("Golf Cart"), Low-Speed Vehicle, Utility Vehicle, or Mini Truck shall include, but is not necessarily limited to, the following items, all of which must be in working order during operation.

- (a) Two headlights having a minimum candlepower of sufficient intensity to reveal persons and objects at a distance at least 100 feet ahead under normal atmospheric conditions during hours of darkness.
- (b) Two red tail lights having a minimum candlepower of sufficient intensity to be plainly visible from a distance at least 500 feet to the rear under normal atmospheric conditions during hours of darkness.
- (c) Must have directional signals.
- (d) Must have left side rear view mirror and a rear view mirror.
- (e) Must have a white light illuminating the rear license plate.
- (f) Must have a horn.
- (g) Must have a windshield made of plexi-glass or safety glass.
- (h) Must have one rear license plate; bracketed to the cart.
- (i) Must have one seat belt per occupant.
- (j) Must have a child safety seat for any occupant under the age of four (4) or under forty (40) pounds in weight.

**345.03 LICENSING REQUIREMENTS OF OPERATOR.**

- (a) No person who is less than sixteen years of age shall operate an Under-Speed Vehicle ("Golf Cart"), Low-Speed Vehicle, Utility Vehicle, or Mini Truck.
- (b) The person must hold a valid current motor vehicle driver's license.

**345.04 INSPECTION.**

- (a) No Under-Speed Vehicle ("Golf Cart"), Low-Speed Vehicle, Utility Vehicle, or Mini Truck may be operated on public streets within the Village of Barnesville unless it has been inspected by the Barnesville Police Department or its designee and issued a certificate of compliance.
- (b) The Under-Speed Vehicle ("Golf Cart"), Low-Speed Vehicle, Utility Vehicle, or Mini Truck must also be titled and registered with the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV).
- (c) The owner of the Under-Speed Vehicle ("Golf Cart"), Low-Speed Vehicle, Utility Vehicle, or Mini Truck shall provide proof of insurance at the time of inspection.

**345.05 INSURANCE.**

Operators must carry valid proof of financial responsibility (insurance), as required by Ohio law, at all times while operating an Under-Speed Vehicle ("Golf Cart"), Low-Speed Vehicle, Utility Vehicle, or Mini Truck.

**345.06 OPERATION.**

- (a) No person shall operate an Under-Speed Vehicle ("Golf Cart"), Low-Speed Vehicle, Utility Vehicle, or Mini Truck on any public roadway where the posted speed limit for such roadway is greater than 35 miles per hour.
- (b) This ordinance does not prohibit an Under-Speed Vehicle ("Golf Cart"), Low-Speed Vehicle, Utility Vehicle, or Mini Truck from proceeding across an

intersection of a street or highway having a speed limit of greater than 35 miles per hour.

- (c) Occupants of an Under-Speed Vehicle ("Golf Cart"), Low-Speed Vehicle, Utility Vehicle, or Mini Truck shall be seated at all times on the seat of the vehicle, buckled by the seat belt, when the vehicle is on and in motion. Standing on any portion of the vehicle while it is in motion is prohibited.
- (d) Under-Speed Vehicles ("Golf Carts"), Low-Speed Vehicles, Utility Vehicles, or Mini Trucks shall not be operated on a public sidewalk or other leisure path.

**345.07 LIMITATIONS.**

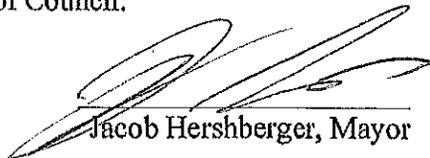
The provisions of this chapter may be waived during limited periods of special events for which the operators of said Under-Speed Vehicles ("Golf Carts"), Low-Speed Vehicles, Utility Vehicles, or Mini Trucks from the Village Police Chief.

**345.08 PENALTY.**

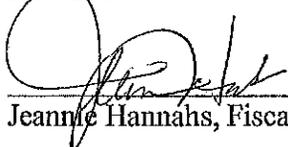
- (a) Anyone who violates this chapter shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor.
- (b) If within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense, the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.
- (c) If within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

**FURTHER**, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the residents of the Village of Barnesville as it is necessary for the safe operation of Under-Speed Vehicles ("Golf Carts"), Low-Speed Vehicles, Utility Vehicles, and Mini Trucks in the Village of Barnesville.

PASSED at a meeting of the Council of the Village of Barnesville on this 28 day of July, 2025, by the affirmative vote of 6 members of Council.

  
Jacob Hershberger, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Jeannie Hannahs, Fiscal Officer